

Appl. No. 10/572,908
In re Rose, K.
Reply to Office Action of Jun. 21, 2011

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Examiner is thanked for the Official Action dated June 21, 2011. This amendment and request for reconsideration is intended to be fully responsive thereto.

Claims 1, 3-5, 8, 13 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C 102(b) as being anticipated by Carter (US 2,847,193). Claims 1, 3-5, 10 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C 102(b) as being anticipated by Dalin (US 2,822,136). Claim 9 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Carter in view of Rains (US 5,127,441). Claims 8-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dalin in view of Rains. Claims 26-28 and 32-33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Michel (US 4,520,840) in view of Bromell et al. (US 4,188,787). The applicant respectfully disagrees.

The Examiner further noted that claims 25 and 34 were objected to as being dependent upon the rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitation of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, in order to expedite the prosecution of the present application, claim 1 has been amended to include all the limitations of the allowable claim 1, while claim 34 has been rewritten in independent form including all the limitation of the base claim 1 and the intervening claim 13. No new matter has been entered. Subsequently, claims 25-28 and 32-33 have been canceled.

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It is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 3-5, 8-10, 13, 15, 34-38 define the invention over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner believe further discussion regarding the above claim language would expedite prosecution they are invited to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

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